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PREFACE

Since its establishment in 1947 the Research School of Pacific Studies has been a major international centre for the study of Melanesia. Its scholars have been prominent both as commentators and as advisers and consultants in the developments which have taken place in the region. Melanesia thus provided a natural focus for the third annual School Seminar of the Research School of Pacific Studies.

The Seminar was held on two days a week over four weeks in October–November 1980. Fifty papers, mostly by ANU scholars, were presented to the Seminar; all but four of them are included in this volume.

Because of the quantity of material, rather than any essential differences in subject matter, the papers have been presented in two volumes. The contributors to the first volume define the region, draw attention to forces flowing from the geographical and social facts of isolation and smallness of scale, and examine various issues in the prehistory and history of the area. In the second volume the writers are principally concerned with basic contemporary political, social and economic change.

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